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Dear Roger:

It seems like ages since I last saw you. I guess it was almost a year ago at ANA in Cincinnati. I didnt get to EAC in Dallas. I had scheduled a trip to Houston that week and had hoped to stop off in Dallas for the weekend. However, the trip was postponed for two weeks. I stopped off at Atlanta from that trip at a show though where I cherry-picked an 1809 C1. It could be graded good but has a slightly dull appearance. But the heighth of my cherry picking was on Jan 27 this year. I was at Stack's to inspect their lots for their auction. I bought an 1804 C4 from their stock. I showed it to a couple of EACers at the auction that night and I guess by now it is know all over. I have had at least 10 people ask me about it. Stack's called it EF, the EACers graded it 30 to 35. I call it the nicest VF25 that will ever come along. The surfaces are superb, so one might call a little better than VF25. I also bought six double struck half cents from Stack's at the same time. Two of these were in Brobston envelops. Stacks had called the 1804 C4 Brobston half cent EF. They had also called this one EF. This one was stored in the same box as the Brobston half cents, though not in a Brobston envelop. I don't know if this could be the Brobston C4 or not. I have not seen a plate of the Brobston C4. If you have any information to clarify this, I would appreciate hearing from you.

I'll be attending the Cherry Hill, N.J. show on Fri. June 12. If by chance you are attending it that day, let me know and I'll bring it along for you to see.

Better yet, if you are near Connecticut, we'd love to have you and your family spend some time with us. I'm certain you and I could find something of interest to talk about.

I have a new friend in this area who is becoming interested in half cents and would like one of your American Half Cent Books. My old one has seen better days and also needs replacing. I am enclosing my check # 2704 for $28.50 for the two books. He is a non-EACer so I've told him it would cost him $15.

Hope we might see you up this way sometime.

Sincerely,
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8/13/81

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Dear Carwin,

My intention to answer yours of 5/29/81 has been there for some time. Please excuse the delay. Its always good to hear from you.

It just so happens that I'm on my vacation now and at the moment I'm on the North Carolina coast for 2 weeks and working on the 2nd Edition. Your 1804 #4 (which will be #2 in the revision) appears to only be exceeded in condition by the Brobston specimen which was acquired from Stacks by W.C. Blaisdell as you may or may not know Blaisdell's collection was acquired + sold out in individual coins by Del Bland and Bill Raymond. I believe that R. Tettenhorst has it now although I did not see it back in 1979 when I went over some of his collection. Tett also has the Eaton + DUPONT Showers specimen which is VF-25 with an edge dent at U of UNITED.

Stacks has always had a very good store stock of Half Cents and they get items apparently over the counter which they then attribute usually by Gilbert and put in their stock. Some of their stock has been there for years. Did you notice the FCC Boyd envelopes. These are from the 1940's. About 10 years ago I purchased one, an envelope from George Arnold, who went out of business in the 1920's. The envelope stated the coin was in good condition. Norman Stack graded + Priced this coin for me he Marked on it that the good condition was "old style" he graded it (F-VF). This shows the grade slide that both of us have seen. It also Explains the EF Grading on your Gilbert 10 of 1804 —

Since my son attends College in Vermont I may get up that way in the fall If I do I'll drop you a line ~~and~~ IF you're going to be in this area let me know as I sure there's plenty to discuss and have show + tell session

Sincerely
Roger